

DC 37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 14, 2008

PRESENT: See sign in Sheet.

A quorum was present.

President Ifill called to order the General Membership Meeting of October 14, 2008 at 6pm in the 5th floor Cafeteria at Gertz Plaza.

A motion to accept the General Membership Meeting minutes of September 9, 2008 was made by Stacey Payton and seconded by Manuel Setlow. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report of September, 2008 was made by Charmaine Hardaway and seconded by Vern Williams. The motion was unanimously approved.

The American Cancer is having their annual Making Strides against Breast Cancer on Sunday, October 19, 2008 in Central Park and also on Queens Blvd.

2008 AFSCME FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: there are 13 scholarships available. Each scholarship is for \$2,000.00 per year for 4 years for matriculating students. To qualify the student must be a high school senior who is enrolling in a four year degree program. They must be the son or daughter of an AFSCME member or the grandson/granddaughter where the grandparent is the sole supporter. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2008.

HALF TAB MEDICATIONS: this program allows the member to purchase their medication in higher milligrams and then break the tablets in half, for example your docket prescribe tablets for 100 milligrams and you break the tablets in half which gives you twice as many tablets.

The General Membership was given a handout concerning the Empire Plan Basic Medical Program and Non-Network Health Practitioner Services Effective January 1, 2009. Members are encouraged to read this handout.

LAYOFF'S AND GIVEBACKS: there has been not contact from the Governor's office concerning layoffs or givebacks.

CONSOLIDATION OF TITLES: the Local along with DC-37 Research and Negotiations Unit is looking into what legal action could be taken at this point in time. Ms. Erica Gray Nelson has been appointed as our legal representation.

COMPRESS TIME: there is a meeting scheduled for October 15, 2008 to discuss compress time.

HOLIDAY PARTY: tickets for this year's Holiday party will go on sale October 15, 2008. Flyers giving date, time and location will be posted on the local bulletin board. The date for this year's party is December 19, 2008, from 8pm to 1am at the Crown Plaza Hotel at LaGuardia. Price of the tickets is \$30.00 each for member and 1st guest, all additional guest \$40.00. The committee members are:

Dennis Ifill

Michelle Chapman

Stacey Payton

Darryl Adams

Alex Thomas

Cheryl Fraser

GERTZ PLAZA MOVE: the proposed date for the move to the 6th floor is October 17, 2008. Members are advised to report to the 6th floor on Monday. The local is still working on to make sure the standards are in place.

FLEX SPENDING ACCOUNT: one of the enhancements from the local's contract negotiations is the Flex spending account. The program has an elderly care program and a child care program. Employees earning \$1.00 to \$30,000.00 the State will give you \$800.00 toward elderly care or child care. You must contribute to the program. The child must be 13 years or younger. For the Elder Care the person must be living with you. The enrollment period is from September 22, 2008 to November 30, 2008.

LOCATION PAY: President Ifill was advised by payroll that the location pay which took effect on October 1, 2008 will be seen in the paycheck dated October 29, 2008. The increase will be about \$1,200.00 added to your base salary with is divided by 26 pay periods.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joyce Hylton Spence and seconded by Charmaine Hardaway.

Meeting adjourned 6:35

CHARMAINE HARDAWAY
Secretary, Local 1359